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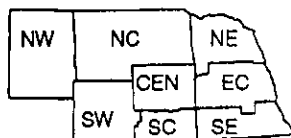
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week varied from three degrees below normals in the central portion to six degrees above normals in the north central portion. Precipitation occurred the last two days of the week with amounts from a tenth of an inch in the north central up to 1.60 inches in the southwest.

GENERAL

Fall harvest activities progressed well last week until weekend rains halted most fieldwork, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The weekend rains will provide additional benefits to fall seeded crops and fall pasture growth. Producer activities included harvesting and hauling crops to elevators or to on-farm storage, some fall tillage, and livestock care.

CROPS

Corn harvest progressed well last week until Saturday. About 45% of the crop had been picked and compares with 15% last year and 40% for the 5-year average. Field dry-down continued to progress well. During the week of nearly ideal harvest conditions, only equipment problems or long lines at elevators slowed harvest progress.

CROPS (Cont.)

Soybean harvest also progressed well but had a slower completion rate where stems were still green and tough to combine. In some cases, producers switched from soybeans to combine corn or grain sorghum. By week's end, 82% had been harvested and compares with 80% last year and 79% for the average.

Sorghum for grain harvest made good progress with 54% combined to date. This compares to 9% last year and 42% for the 5-year average.

Sugar beet harvest was well underway.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 1% poor, 35% fair, 63% good, and 1% excellent. Rainfall this past weekend should benefit emerged wheat as well as fields with seeds not yet germinated. Some replanting was necessary in the southwest.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range condition was rated at 85% of normal and compares with 102% last year. Producers were moving cattle to corn stalks as soon as fields became available. Supplemental hay continued where pastures were short on grazing potential. Producers were working cattle, weaning calves, and moving some calves to market. In areas of short pastures, some calves were being marketed earlier than normal.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 16, 1994	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% corn harvested	42	39	31	50	46	42	61	57	45	29	15	40
% sorghum harvested	0	45	46	53	51	65	70	50	54	33	9	42
% soybeans harvested	0	85	76	87	87	78	98	76	82	64	80	79
% wheat emerged	98	87	98	100	96	100	99	91	97	84	91	92
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF OCTOBER 14, 1994												
Days suitable	5.6	6.8	6.7	7.0	6.7	6.3	7.0	6.9	6.7	2.9	3.9	
Topsoil moisture - Short	40	69	0	67	5	0	92	7	29	19	2	
(Percent) - Adequate	60	31	100	33	95	100	8	93	71	68	78	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	20	
Subsoil moisture - Short	80	15	10	0	19	33	54	36	27	43	1	
(Percent) - Adequate	20	85	90	100	81	67	46	64	73	57	83	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	

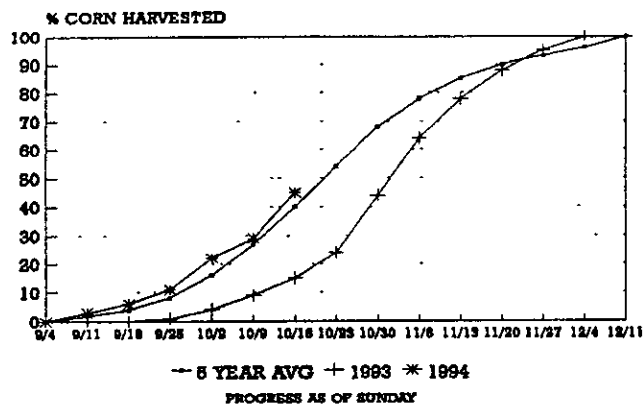
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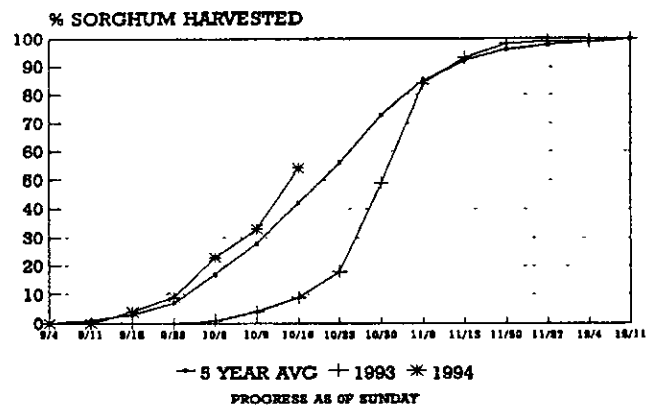
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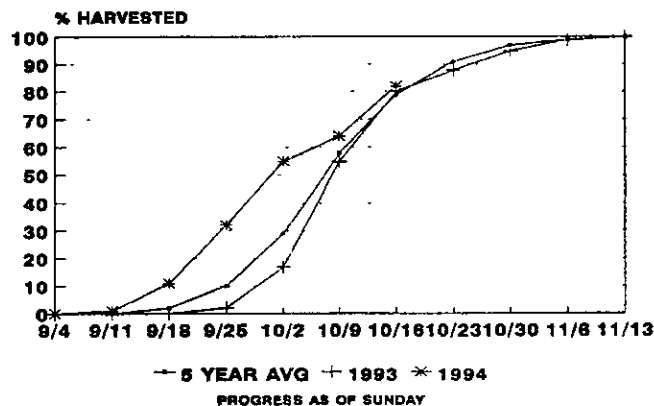
CORN HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES



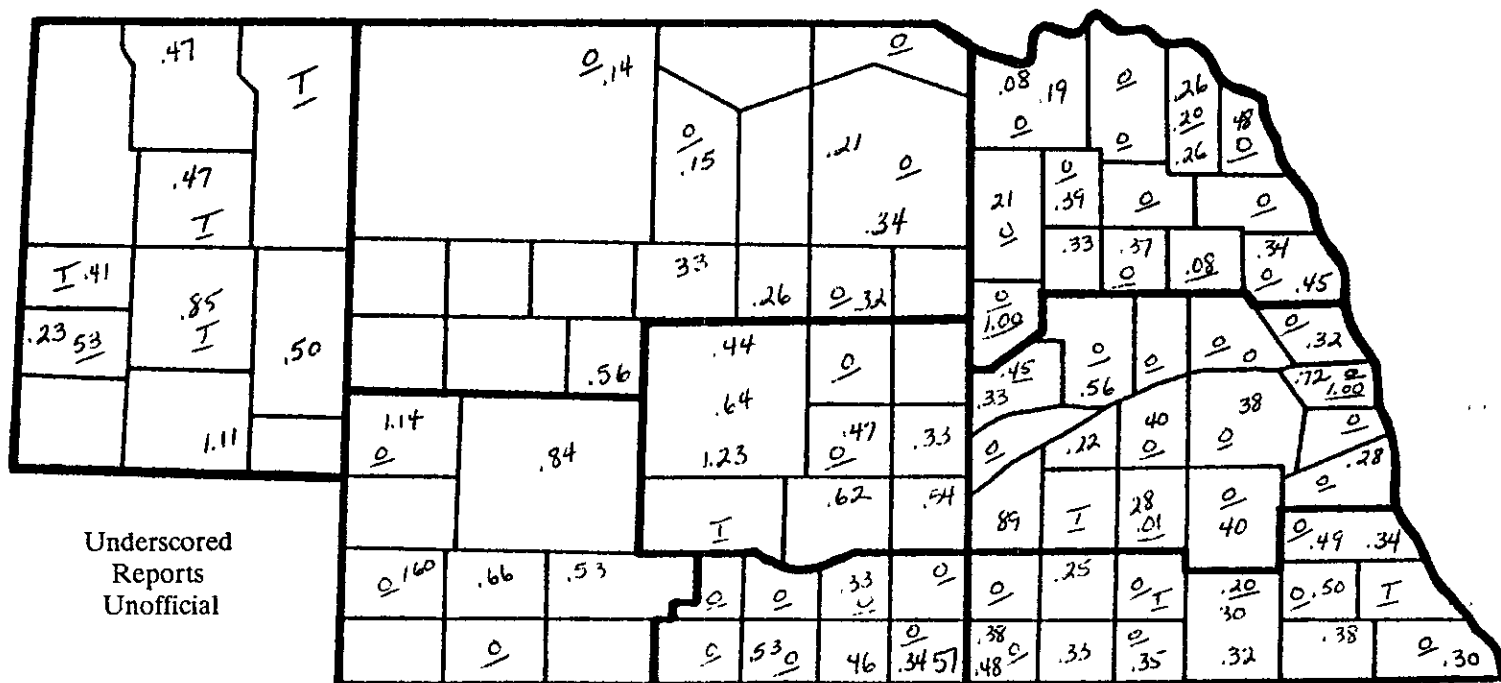
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SOYBEANS HARVESTED FOR ALL PURPOSES



PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1994



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1994

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	83	38	51	---	.47
	Scottsbluff	78	35	52	+1	.41
	Sidney	75	33	52	---	---
NC	Valentine	80	35	57	+6	.14
NE	Norfolk	74	41	57	+4	.33
	Sioux City	71	38	55	+2	.48
CEN	Grand Island	73	37	51	-3	.54
	Ord	74	36	55	---	---
EC	Lincoln	71	30	54	-1	.40
	Omaha	71	38	56	+2	.72
SW	Imperial	76	41	56	---	1.60
	North Platte	76	33	56	+5	.84